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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Letter, Third Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.132 (Executed, 5 pages), Clear copy of photographs (3 pages)

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LETTER

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On September 17, 2008, Examiner Morillo asked Applicants' undersigned representative for clearer copies of the photographs appearing in the Third Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 filed June 27, 2008.

Attached is a copy of the Third Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 filed June 27, 2008.

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THIRD DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

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SIR:

I, Hajime Ikuno, a citizen of Japan, hereby declare and state that:

1. I have a Master's degree in metallic material engineering, which was conferred upon me by Osaka University located in 2-1 Yamadaoka, Suita, Osaka, Japan.

2. I have been employed by Toyota Central Research & Development Laboratories, Inc., since 1985 and I have a total of 22 years of work and research experience in the field of metallic materials.

3. The following experiments were carried out by me or under my direct supervision and control.

4. The experimental conditions used to create Tables 9, 10 and 11 of the specification were used to produce the attached Table and twenty-one figures.

5. The Table presents compositional data for the Al alloys appearing in the twenty-one figures. The first twenty figures show the microstructure of twenty alloys each containing an amount of Ca within the "Ca (Calcium) : 0.0005-0.003 mass %" of independent Claims 1, 15, 26 and 31. The twenty-first figure shows the microstructure of a comparative twenty-first Al alloy (i.e., comparative example sample No. A3, see specification at page 46, Table 9 and Fig. 7) with only 0.0002 mass % Ca and having a coarse, non-homogeneous microstructure.

6. The Table and figures show that the significant improvement in homogeneous microstructure (texture) that is achieved in accordance with the present invention over the range of "Ca(Calcium) : 0.0005-0.003 mass%" is achieved over the ranges of Ti, Si, Cu, Fe, Ni, P, V, Zr and Mn respectively featured in independent Claims 1, 15, 26 and 31.

7. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

8. Further declarant saith not.

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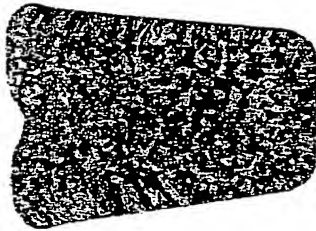
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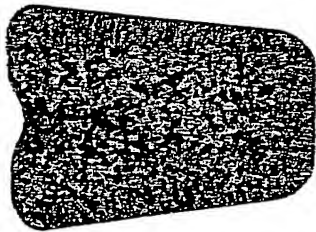
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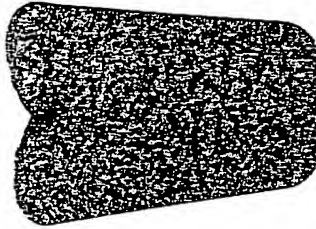
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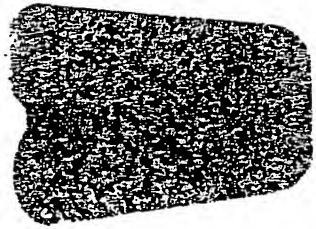
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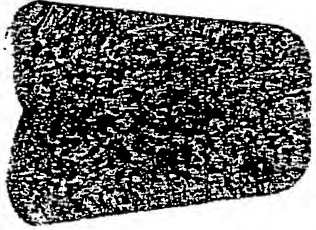
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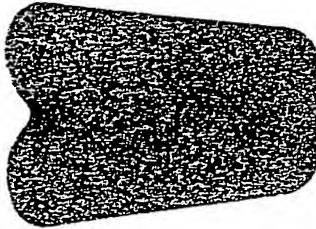
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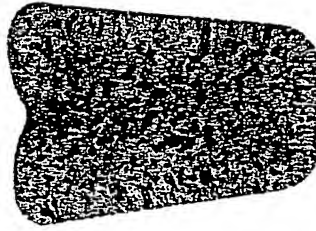
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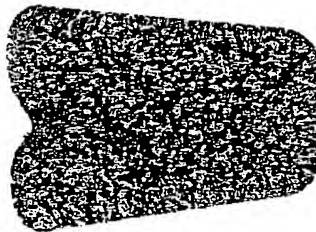
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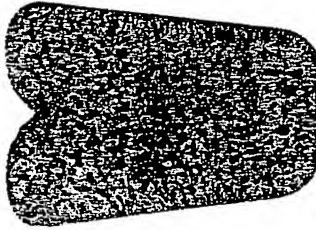
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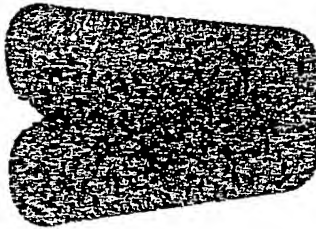
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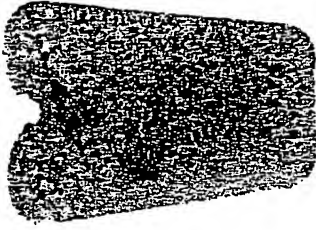
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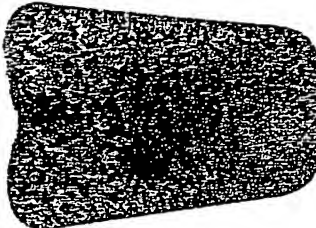
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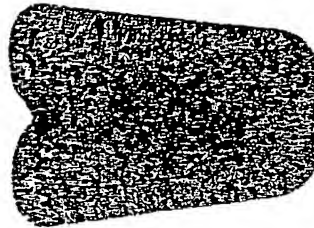


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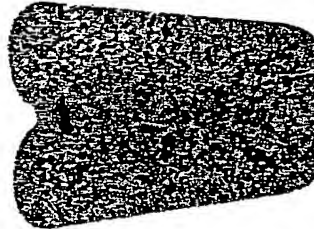


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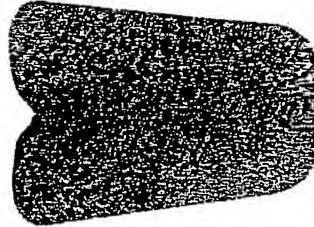
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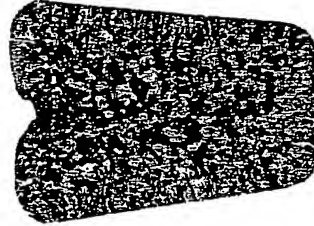
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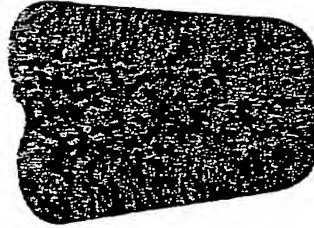
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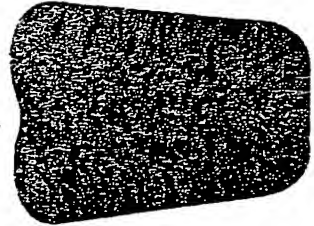
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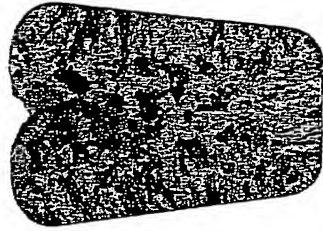


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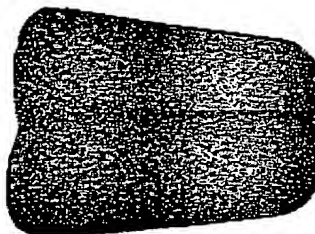
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Comparative sample A3

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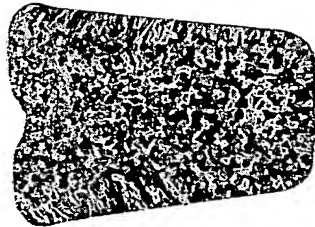


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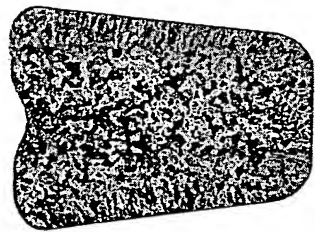
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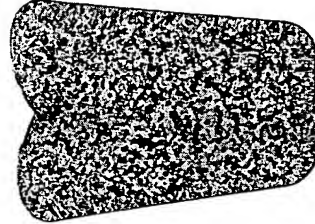
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0.8Mg	11.7	2.9	0.8	2.3	0.5	0.5	0.22	0.12	0.08	0.01	0.0017
0.2FeMn	11.7	3.0	0.6	2.4	0.2	0.2	0.23	0.12	0.08	0.01	0.0012
0.6FeMn	11.3	2.8	0.6	2.2	0.6	0.6	0.21	0.11	0.07	0.01	0.0013
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0.05ZrV	11.6	2.9	0.6	2.3	0.5	0.5	0.22	0.05	0.05	0.01	0.0015
0.1ZrV	11.5	2.9	0.6	2.3	0.5	0.5	0.23	0.10	0.10	0.01	0.0012
1.8Ni	11.9	2.9	0.6	1.8	0.5	0.5	0.22	0.12	0.09	0.01	0.0012
2.5Ni	11.6	2.8	0.6	2.5	0.5	0.5	0.22	0.11	0.09	0.01	0.0019
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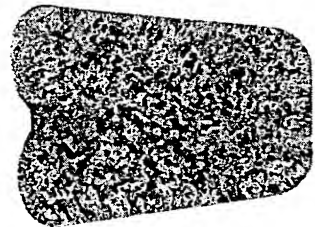
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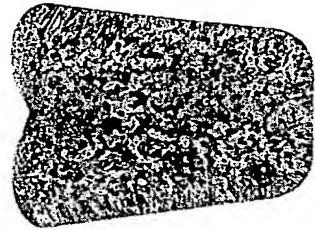
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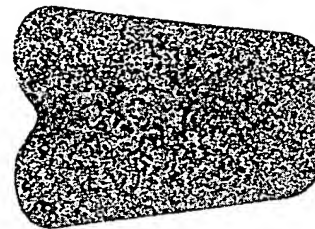
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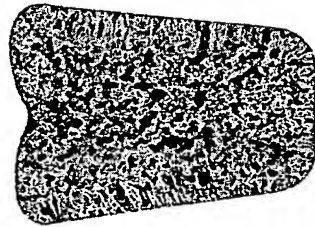
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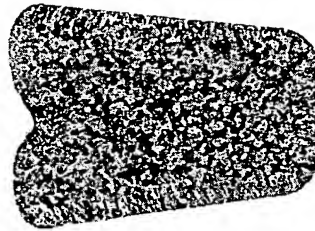
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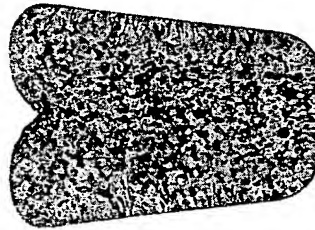
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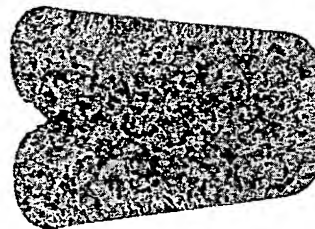
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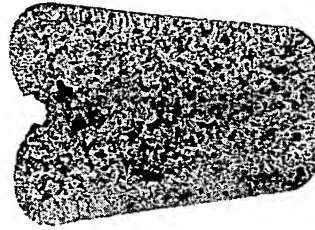
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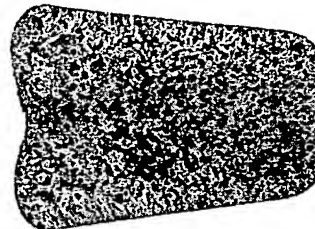
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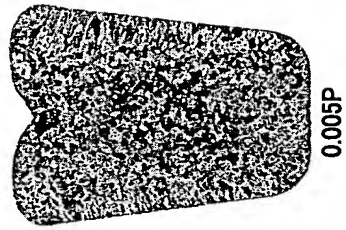


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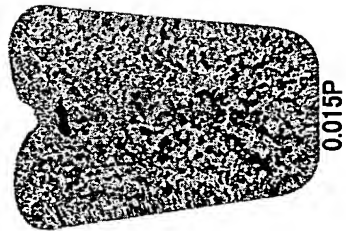


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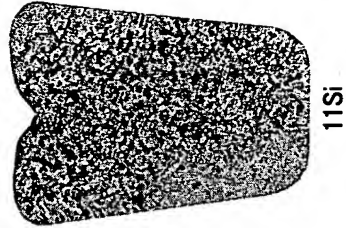
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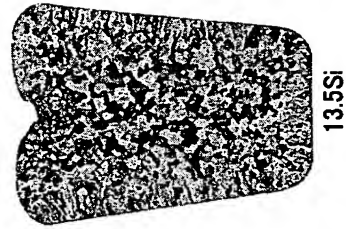
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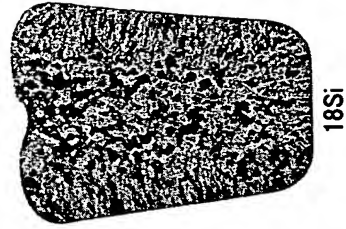
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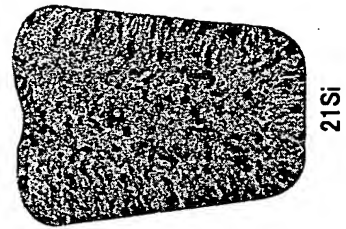
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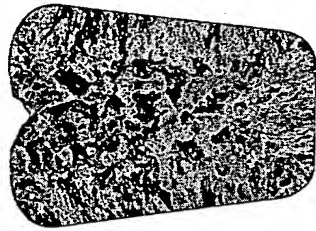


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